



THIRTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE AVON HOME,

309 MT. AUBURN STREET.

A HOME FOR CHILDREN FOUND DESTITUTE WITHIN
THE LIMITS OF CAMBRIDGE.



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Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1905-1906.

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Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE AVON HOME.

THE AVON HOME has continued to prosper during the year that has just ended, but for the first time in thirty-two years we have to report several visitations of illness, not serious but extremely tedious.

In April measles appeared, and before that disease had run its course whooping-cough became epidemic, and this lasted till July. In August a case of diphtheria was discovered and the patient was sent at once to the diphtheria hospital, as was a second and later a third. After they had been discharged as cured, another case was found decided enough to be removed to the hospital, and subsequently the entire household was quarantined; this will continue until we are assured by our physicians that all danger has disappeared. During this time, however, almost all the children have been able to play out of doors as usual, but of course have not been allowed to go to school. In the opinion of our physicians it is clear that the first child was infected while visiting away from the Home and from her the others caught the disease; they say that nothing connected with the house or its management is to be blamed.

This unfortunate continuance of illness has almost stopped the progress of the children at school. To make up in part for the enforced absence in the spring, an experienced teacher was employed for eight weeks, beginning the tenth of July, and in that time did excellent work with the older children, and secured promotion for several in September. We have not been able as yet to make a similar arrangement this autumn. On account of the epidemic the children were not able to enjoy as many excursions as usual during the summer, but they have had several rides in the electric cars, some of which were due to the kindness of General William A. Bancroft. The children were guests at the Christmas celebrations of the Austin Street and the Shepard Sunday Schools and also had a Christmas tree given especially for them at the house of Mrs. Parker F. Soule.

There are now thirty-four children in the Home, but several others, whose applications have been accepted, have had to wait on account of the sickness in the house. One member of the Admission Committee reports that thirty applications for forty-six children have been made to her during the months of July, August, and September. It is only just to express our appreciation of the assistance which the Associated Charities of Cambridge has afforded in making preliminary inquiries and in giving us the benefit of expert advice in many doubtful and difficult cases.

Twenty-six children have been received since November 1, 1905, and twenty-four have left; most of them returning to the care of their parents or other relatives.

Five girls, for whom individual members of our Board are legal guardians, are living in private families in the country, where they are either receiving pay or earning their board; four boys similarly situated, but younger, are also boarded in families. The generosity of the Avon Club provides for the board and other expenses of two of these boys. This plan has ceased to be an experiment and enables us to continue our care for children who are too old to stay in the house. During the past year we have been gratified to learn of the success in life of several children who have been in our charge.

The additions to the Permanent Fund have been a legacy of fifty dollars from Mrs. Helen Augusta Porter, and a gift of fifteen hundred dollars as an addition to the Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund. The outside of the house has been repainted, and painting and other unavoidable repairs inside the house have cost over one thousand dollars. The May Sale, which for many years has drawn old friends to the Home and led new ones to become acquainted with the children, had to be held elsewhere. The Parish House of the First Parish on Church Street was generously offered for this purpose, and the sale was a great success, — over eleven hundred dollars having been added to the treasury.

The efficient matron, Mrs. Dupeé, has retained the same staff for more than a year, and too much cannot be said of their faithfulness and willingness during the trying months of illness. We are very grateful also to the physicians whose services have been so indispensable.

Our field of labor is as large as ever, and while we are thankful for the support that has been so freely furnished in the past our friends are reminded that if we are given larger resources we can help more children for a longer time.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, *President.*

Since writing this report the resignation of Mrs. John Davis, on account of ill health, has been received; we regret to lose the assistance of one of our active and efficient members with whom we have worked for over twenty years.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	\$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	10,000.00
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00
Sale of Concord Farm, the gift of James Huntington	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf	4,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow	500.00
Lucy E. Paine Fund	10,000.00
Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund	2,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Grant Fisk	2,500.00
In Memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch	50.00
Legacy of Miss Jane Chapman	200.00
Legacy of A. R. Dearborn	658.00
Legacy of James A. Woolson	3,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Helen Augusta Porter	50.00

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C. J. White	20.00	Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00
Miss Maria Whitney	5.00		

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	\$20.00	Mrs. Edgar Pierce	\$3.00
Miss Emma C. Campbell	5.00	Wm. Taggard Piper	25.00
C. T. Carruth	25.00	Denman W. Ross	5.00
Miss Louise Dallinger	1.00	Warren Sanger	5.00
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T. B. Gannett	50.00	L. P. Soule	10.00
W. W. Goodwin	10.00	Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan	2.00
Miss L. S. Hooper	5.00	Mrs. C. F. Woodman	25.00
W. H. Neal	5.00	Misses Wyman	5.00
C. F. Palfrey, in memory of his mother and sister	10.00	Morrill Wyman	4.00
Misses Peabody	50.00	A Friend50

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 8 Roseland Street, Cambridge.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of _____ Dollars,
to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 1, 1906.

"Dumb Animals," for the year, from Miss Maria Murdock; "The Blue Book," from Edward A. Jones.

1905. November. Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild, one sweater, two pairs mittens, two boys' shirts, four nightgowns, four flannel waists, eight petticoats, eight vests, two blouses, six pairs stockings; Mrs. Norton Folsom, five and a half pounds figs, oranges, bananas, apples; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one turkey; Mrs. William Brewster, two chickens; Alliance Sale of the First Parish Unitarian Church, candy; Mrs. W. B. Durant, one turkey, cranberries; Mrs. Edward Wyman, an apple pie; Mrs. A. M. Howe, a large frosted cake, oranges; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, a turkey; Mrs. Edward Channing, a girl's coat; The Hive, nine aprons, one dress, one blouse, one waist; Saint John's Chapel, a turkey, oranges; Mrs. Alfred Taylor, three children's dresses, five infants' dresses, one flannel wrapper, one flannel slip, three infants' shirts, three infants' waists, one child's skirt, one infant's cloak, one pillow slip, three bibs, two pairs garters, four infants' socks, six infants' caps, ten pairs infants' hose, four pairs childrens' hose, three pairs infants' shoes; North Avenue Baptist Church, tires.

December. Mrs. H. M. Spelman, clothing and books; Little Parker, a friend, box of nice toys; Mrs. Robert S. Morison, gallon of maple syrup; Miss A. E. Tower, six pounds candy; The Margaret Shepard Society, a bag of candy for each child; Miss Maria Murdock, a nickel for the toe of each Christmas stocking; No name, box of flowers; Miss M. C. Jones, two girls' coats; Josephine Cogswell, picture book; Mrs. R. B. Storer, one turkey; J. H. Wyeth & Co., box of oranges; Mrs. Norton Folsom, two mince pies; Prof. William M. Davis, one-half barrel apples, one-half box oranges; Mrs. W. B. Durant, box of candy; Miss Louise McCallar, corn balls; Mrs. Norton Folsom, bag of oranges; Miss Gertrude Sheffield, basket of frosted cakes; Steadfast Club, girl's hat; Mrs. Annie B. Coolidge, toys; Mrs. A. M. Howe, Christmas cake, two loaves Christmas bread; Mrs. F. B. Allen, toys; Mrs. R. B. Storer, box of blocks; Conant & Stockwell, three turkeys.

1906. January. E. B. Hall, Publishers, box of books; Basket Club, eight outing-flannel skirts; The Club, two aprons, one skirt, one blouse; In His Name Circle of King's Daughters, ten sheets, ten pillow slips; Mrs. E. Hammill, box of clothing; Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, girl's coat, box of crackers, package of pictures.

February. Mrs. Walter Scott, a coat; Miss Mildred Griffin, a coat; North Avenue Baptist Church, six pairs outing-flannel drawers; The Club, four aprons, one pair night drawers, one sack; No name, valentines.

March. Mrs. Robert N. Willson, nine outing-flannel blouses; The Club, four outing-flannel blouses, six night drawers, three aprons; New Church Ladies Aid Society, twelve gingham dresses; The Sewing Club, six nightgowns, six tires; No Name Club, eight blouses; Mrs. E. B. Kohler, one coat, two dresses, box of toys; Miss Mackintosh, three cotton blouses, two outing-flannel dresses, two cotton dresses.

April. Mrs. Jones, two girls' coats; Mrs. George Moir, flowers; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, four aprons, four outing-flannel skirts, one cotton blouse dress; Mrs. John Read, milk; Mrs. W. T. Wardwell, material for dress; The Basket Club, seven aprons, six cotton dresses, two outing dresses; The Club, five aprons, four dresses, four blouses, one outing-flannel dress; Mrs. P. G. Porter, two shirts, two aprons; Mrs. E. B. Kohler, one dress, book, pictures; Mrs. E. L. Beard, two platters, vegetable dish, five pictures, bric-a-brac; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, bundle of new clothing; Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, molasses candy; The Club, three outing-flannel dresses; Mrs. Edgar Crocker, large box of clothing; Miss C. A. Taggard, three cotton dresses; Miss L. M. Chamberlin, box of cocoanut cakes.

May. Mrs. J. B. Williams, two boxes of clothing; Miss Mary Deane, box of clothing; Mrs. Ambrose, three fans; Mrs. A. M. Howe, cake; Mrs. J. S. Cranston, doll; Mrs. E. C. Moore, tricycle; The Club, five outing blouses, three aprons, two pairs of drawers; Mrs. Lucius L. Hubbard, three chairs, one wardrobe, one jar, two bowls, one pitcher; Mrs. E. M. Parker, rocking-horse; Mrs. Edgar Pierce, toy horse; Miss Josephine F. Page, child's teaset; Col. John D. Billings, flowers; Mrs. Samuel Noyes, memorial tablet for the Fowler crib.

June. Mrs. B. Vaughan, six wrappers, four flannel skirts; Mrs. F. W. Hastings, bundle of clothing; The Sewing Club, Limited, eleven flannel nightgowns, seven gingham tires; Mrs. Walter E. Stone, games; Mrs. A. B. Riche, games; Penelope B. Noyes, box of toys; Emily Hale, toys; Mrs. F. W. Hastings, box infants' clothing; Miss E. S. Bulfinch, three bibs, two cotton dresses; Miss Edith Fallen, two vests, two pairs drawers, one doll; Mrs. Walter Woodman, one cotton dress, two vests, two white aprons, one belt, one necktie; Mrs. Samuel Noyes, three pairs linen towels, one rubber sheet, four cotton sheets; Mrs. Edgar Crocker, four cotton dresses, one coat, two pairs hose, three pairs mittens, two pairs slippers, one pair shoes, one pair rubbers.

July. The Sewing Club, Limited, six aprons, six flannel nightgowns; Mrs. J. P. Cooke, five boys' cotton suits, two pairs shoes, one wrapper, one child's coat, two pairs night drawers; No Name Club, seven outing-flannel blouses; Just So Club, seven gingham aprons, one flannel skirt; Mr. Charles Russell, flowers; Mrs. S. L. Durgin, two boys' coats, one pair trousers, one waist, one dress; The Sewing Club, Limited, one apron, one nightgown.

August. Mrs. Arthur Coolidge, flowers, toy bear, child's pen.

September. Mrs. Chauncey Smith, basket sweet apples; Miss Louise McCallar, flowers; Mr. Morrill Wyman, box of pears, box of tomatoes; Mr. J. H. Corcoran, box of blocks; Mr. George S. Merrill, box of pears; Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, a trunk containing toys, books, etc.; Mrs. A. M. Howe, apples and pears; Mr. Morrill Wyman, tomatoes; Mr. Charles Peabody, box of pears; Dr. Charles B. Tower, box of grapes; Mrs. Norton Folsom, box of pears.

October. Mrs. Samuel Noyes, nursery chair; Mrs. M. G. Howe, box of apples and pears; Dr. C. E. Stevens, flowers; Mrs. W. D. Swan, basket of pears; Mrs. Edgar Pierce, four pairs pajamas, one boy's blouse, two hats, one pair sneakers, one pair shoes; Mrs. George Saunders, box of pears; Mrs. Peter Gray, flowers; Mrs. Norton Folsom, basket of pears; Mrs. Samuel Noyes, one pillow and four pillow slips for the Fowler crib; Sewing Department of the Alliance of the Austin Street Unitarian Church, one dozen nightgowns; Mr. F. A. Kennedy, flowers.

Donations of outer garments and boys' clothing are earnestly solicited. If donors to the Home would send with their gifts their full name and address, it would greatly assist the clerk in making out the list of donations. It sometimes happens that difficulty in getting the name causes errors and omissions in the list.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME

ARTICLE I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "THE AVON HOME." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

ARTICLE II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

ARTICLE III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, a Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund (one of whom shall be the President), and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall

report at the annual meeting. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Committee for the care of the Permanent Fund shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "THE AVON HOME, CAMBRIDGE, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall

be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the

Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XI. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.

XII. The Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund shall have the care and custody of all securities and other investments held for the support and maintenance of the Avon Home, and shall collect the interest and other income and pay the same to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor. They shall make all permanent investments, keep an account thereof and of the income therefrom, and report to the Corporation at the annual meeting, and such other times as the Corporation may request. They shall rent a box in the vaults of the Cambridge Trust Company, which shall be opened only in the presence of two members of the said Committee.

